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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE JUL 13, 1974 FROM ABU DHABI
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE U N C L A S S I F I E D ABU DHABI 0925

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: SENATOR JOHNSTON, CONGRESSMAN HEBERT

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: CASC: (THOMPSON, H. CAMERON)

SUBJ: SCS/MEDEVAC

REFS: ABU DHABI 0916 AND 0893; STATE 148445

1. THOMPSON'S FAMILY AND HIS BUSINESS COMPANION, MAX BURCH,
WORRIED BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING
MEDEVAC. IN TELEPHONE CALL FROM DUBAI MORNING JULY 13, BURCH SAYS HE
OF OPINION THOMPSON CASE "TOUCH AND GO", SAID THAT WHEN
VENTILATOR TUBE REMOVED JULY 12 BY HOSPITAL AS TEST TO SEE
IF HE COULD BREATHE WITHOUT IT, THOMPSON CAME CLOSE TO
STRANGLING. BURCH SAYS THOMPSON ALSO HAD SERIOUS BREATHING
PROBLEM MORNING JULY 13. CONSUL TELEPHONED HOSPITAL DIRECTOR,
DR. HONEYMAN, WHO CHECKED WITH ATTENDING PHYSICIAN. LATTER
ADVISED HONEYMAN HE TAKING THOMPSON OFF VENTILATOR FROM
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TIME TO TIME, BUT SAYS THIS ALL TO GOOD FOR THOMPSON EVEN

THOUGH IT DOES CAUSE HIM SOME DIFFICULTY.

2. DR. HONEYMAN STILL OF OPINION MEDEVAC SHOULD TAKE PLACE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE NIACT IMMEDIATE THE STATUS
OF THE MEDEVAC.

3. IF NECESSARY, CONSUL CAN TRAVEL DUBAI MORNING JULY 14
TO OBTAIN WRITTEN DECLARATION FROM MRS. THOMPSON ABSOLVING USG
OF ANY LIABILITY FOR MEDEVAC. PLS ADVISE.
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